REPORT

OF THE

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES,

OF THE

TOWN OF WESTFORD,

1849

FOR THE YEAR

1848-9.

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TREASURER'S OFFICE, FEB. 7, 1849.

The Committee chosen to reckon and settle with Ephraim Wright, Town Treasurer for the year ending at date, submit the following Report:

RECEIPTS.

Balance in Treasurer's hands at last settlement	$509,75
Cash received of T. P. Wright, Collector before Oct. 5, 1848	1884,55
" " " Dec. 5 "	500,49
" " after Dec. 5 "	603,79
" The Stony B. R. Road	352,40
" The State, (School Fund)	63,76
" " (Military money)	181,50
" From all other sources	157,63
Amounting to the sum of	$4253,87

PAYMENTS.

Trustees of Westford Academy note and interest	$420,20	
Interest on notes	142,70	
Placed to the credit of the several School Districts	1059,59	
Paid for three shares S. B. R. Road	300,00	
Cash paid on orders	2213,18	
Cash in Treasurer's hands --	118,20	
Amounting to the sum of		$4253,87

Your Committee further Report that the Town is indebted to the following named persons on notes including interest:

Amos Day	$104,17
John Osgood	502,25
Jonathan F. Parker,	289,39
John Abbot	315,00
Betsey Prescott	832,90
Amounting to the sum of	$2043,71
Outstanding orders	17,80
" claims estimated at	100,00
Due master of Poor House	220,00
Due the several School Districts	1045,57
Amounting to the sum of	$3427,08

RESOURCES.

School money due several School Districts	$1045,57	
Balance in Treasurer's hands including R. R. Stock	418,20	
Military money due from the State	136,50	
Due from T. P. Wright, Collector	55,19	
Amounting to the sum of		$1655,46
Balance against the Town		$1771,62
Amount of debt February, 1848	$2105,44	
" " 1849	1771,62	
Reducing the debt	$333,82	

JOHN W. P. ABBOTT,
EDWIN SYMMES,
GEORGE E. BURT. } *Committee.*

EPHRAIM WIGHRT, *Town Treasurer.*

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

Annual Report of the Town of Westford ending Feb. 7th, 1849.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

David P. Lawrence for building 88 rods of road and laying wall near Abijah Fletcher's	$209,90
Benjamin Palmer for repairing tools used in repairing road near Richardson's mill	5 03
A. W. Cummings for work on road near Calvin Howard's	3 00
Chamberlain & Scott for rail irons	2 10
D. Whiting for work on road near C. Howard's, and breaking yoke	6 50
John H. Young for cutting brush on North Plains	7 37
Caleb Wight for work on road and rails near Richardson's mill	34 00
Horatio Wright for work on road near Richardson's mill	10 00
C. Stearns's building 96 1-2 rods of road near the J. Leighton place	280 00
Ira Bicknell for building 29 1-2 rods of wall on the road leading by Calvin Howard's	14 75
Ira Bicknell for building 13 rods of wall near the Poor Farm	5 08
Wm. K. Perry for land taken for use of highway	6 81
Levi Flint for work on road near Richardson's mill	8 75
J. W. Cummings for making and repairing road near William Kittredge's house	153 90
J. B. Read for repair of road near Sylvester Hildreth	9 75
Moses Caryl for work on road near "	9 75
Bela Wright, Highway Surveyor, for work on road	15 00
N. H. Groce for land taken for highway near Wm. Kittredge	13 43
N. S. Hamlin for work on road near Richardson's mill	14 75
B. F. Osgood for work on road near "	13 75
T. McCrate " "	7 50
Joseph Edgely " "	7 50
Joseph Keneson " "	4 00
Mr Clark " "	2 00
Nathan S. Hamblin for work on road near Calvin Howard	2 50
B. N. Bradt for Blacksmith work	1 00
Ephraim Abbott for surveying rood near Abijah Fletcher's	75
J. Prescott (surveyor for 1846) for work on road and bridge plank	11 57
E. A. Harwood, surveyor, repairing bridge near T. Keyes's	5 71
Joseph Hildreth, surveyor, for work on road	1 25
" for railing highway	1 50
S. & S. D. Fletcher for powder delivered Ira Becknell surveyor	13
" " and fuse " John Dane "	34
" " and fuse " J. B. Read "	5 08
" " " Nathan S. Hamlim	50
J. W. P. Abbott for services as committee to oppose laying out the road from Wm. Law's to Chelmsford line as petitioned for by Jona. Hartwell and others	13 00
Samuel Fletcher for services as committee same as above	8 50
Jacob Osgood " "	9 27
John B. Fletcher for surveying and opposing laying out road	3 00
Charles L. Fletcher for laying out and letting out the building of road near Abijah Fletcher's	1 50
Phinehas Chamberlin for letting out the building of road near Abijah Fletcher and the John Leighton place	2 00
Amount carried forward	$912,22

Amount brought forward	$912,22
Phinehas Chamberlin for letting out the building of Beaver Brook Bridge and road near Levi Prescott's and viewing bridle-way near the Trowbridge House and also viewing road on petition of Asa Nutting and others 1847	2 00
Timothy P. Wright for bolts for railing near Richardson's mill	84
Nathan S. Hamlin for laying out, letting out and accepting road near Abijah Fletcher's	2 25
Nathan S. Himlin for laying out and accepting road near the John Leighton place	2 00
Elias Sweetser work on the roads in 1846	5 62
	$924 93

MILITARY.

Paid 32 Soldiers	$136 50

SCHOOLS.

Appropriation	$1000,00
Received from the State	63,76

The Town Treasurer has been ordered to place to the credit of the several School Districts the sums hereafter named, and pay the same out according to the vote of the Town.

District No. 1,		$205 31
" 2,		120 83
" 3,		90 11
" 4,		112 19
" 5,		118 91
" 6,		114 11
" 7,		100 67
" 8,		97 75
" 9,		99 71
		$1059,59
Unexpended	$4,17	

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES INCLUDING COMPENSATION OF TOWN OFFICERS AND ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

S. & S. D. Fletcher for Stationary and postage	$5 83
Nathan S. Hamblin for services as Selectman	5 00
" taking invoice and making taxes 14 days	14 75
" perambulating town lines between Groton, Acton, Carlisle and Tyngsboro'	4 00
" Time and expenses settling with Stony Brook Rail Road Corporation	9 25
" Time with County Commissioners and Stony Brook R. R. Directors respecting land damage	2 00
" Making out Town Reports 1847 and cash paid for wood and sawing &c the same	10 50
" Cash paid Simon Greenleaf, refferee between Town and Stony B. R. Corporation	10 00
John W. P. Abbott for services as Town Clerk	12 00
" recording Marriages, Births and Deaths	5 99
Amount carried forward	$79,32

Amount brought forward		$79,32
J. W. P. Abbott for going to E. Cambridge, drawing up petition to County Com'rs for appraisement of damages vs. Stony Brook Rail Road		6 00
"	paid entry fee for said petition	2 40
"	paid services of said petition	2 20
"	paid E. Phinney	4 50
"	paid for binding 3 vols. G. E. Burt returning eight births and furnishing one blank book	1 78
"	County Commissioners for services on petition of the S. B. R. R. Corp. to assess land damages	31 85
Timothy P. Wright for collecting taxes 1848		58 05
"	collecting taxes 1847	1 22
"	paying County tax 1847	1 75
"	cash paid for tax bills	3 75
"	paying county tax 1848	1 75
"	one day collecting poll taxes	1 25
First Parish for use of basement room of Meeting House		25 00
S. C. Tenny for attending 24 funerals with hearse & rep'ng hearse		18 50
W. W. Goodhue for attending 24 funerals with hearse 1847		20 40
Edward Symmes School Committee		12 00
Charles L. Fletcher "		12 00
Henry P. Herrick "		12 00
"	painting Guideboards,	2 00
Charles L. Fletcher returning births		75
Edwin Symmes cash paid for blank certificates & returning births		1 80
Merrill & Heywood blank books		8 00
Levi Boynton for damage to Sled and detention on road		3 00
Ephraim Wright for services as Town Treasurer		12 00
"	time and expenses about weights, measures and balances, and cash paid for flaxseed, tub &c	5 04
D. C. Butterfield for entertainment to Selectmen and Town Officers		34 00
Micah Parmenter for damage done to Sled		4 00
Jefferson Fletcher, Treasurer District No. 1, for use of the School House for Armory		12 00
F. A. Hildreth for printing Town Report and handbills		13 50
Sarah B. Davis teaching School in District No. 5, 1847, Levi Wright Jr. agent		30 00
Jacob Wright for mowing brush in South Burying Yard		2 50
Charles L. Fletcher for taking invoice and making taxes		4 50
Phinehas Chamberlin for taking invoice and making taxes 14 days		14 75
Jonas Prescott for damages to wagon done near Richardson's mills		4 50
Joseph Hildreth for posting notices for town meetings		75
Phinehas Chamberlin for services as Selectman 1847		5 00
"	" 1848	5 00
"	preambulating town lines between Groton, Acton, Carlisle, Chelmesford & Tyngsboro'	6 00
Louis H. Hildreth abatement of tax		1 44
Timothy P. Wright for abatement of	Sarah Richardson's tax	6 96
" "	John Eaton's tax	1 50
" "	Thomas B. Littlehale's tax	1 50
" "	Israel Blaisdell's tax 1847	1 50
" "	Error in tax book	3 41
Elias Sweetser for appraising property at Poor House 4 times		4 00
		$475,12

RECAPITULATION.

Sums raised deducting county tax	$3108 63	
Paid for Roads and Bridges		924 23
" Schools		1059 59
" Military		136 50
" Incidental Expenses		475 12
" For the Poor		606 40
		$3203,84

NATHAN S. HAMLIN,
PHINEHAS CHAMBERLIN,
CHARLES L. FLETCHER, } *Selectmen of Westford.*

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

The Overseers of the Poor respectfully submit the following Report concerning the maintaence and support of the Poor Farm from February 7th, 1848, to February 7th, 1849.

Amount of Porsonal property at the Poor House, including Farming Tools ond Furniture, as by appraisal of Committee:

February 7th, 1848	$1406 51
" " 1849	1396 76
Lost on personal property	$9,75
Amount drawn from the Treasurer	$606 40
Received from the Overseers of last year,	69 57
" of city of Boston	85 72
" of William Mears	3 50
" of town of Littleton	38 73
" of John Abbott for S. Dexter	11 14
	$815 06

For produce sold from Farm by Solomon Nutting as by his books:

984 lbs of Butter	$205 38
56 " Lard	5 09
Salt Pork	26 97
Hams	6 73
Cranberries	23 00
Poultry,	33 16
Four Shoats,	27 30
Board	60 65
Apples	4 80
Calves	36 00
Cider	14 00
As by Solomon Nutting's Books	47 03
	$490,11

And have paid out the following sums to wit:

S. Nutting, master of the Poor House, for one year ending April 1st, 1848	250 00
Nichols & Co. of Lowell, for three bbls Flour	20 75
" " for goods	30 87
Nathan S. Hamblin for one Cow	25 00
George Smith "	25 00
George Wright "	24 00
Aaron Mason "	25 00
Amount carried forward	$400,62

Amount brought forward	$400,62
T. P. Wright for Blacksmith work	14 29
Andrew Robbins for meat	10 42
D. C. Butterfield "	6 07
" for one Side-hill Plough	12 00
Amos Dodge for goods	4 17
Josiah Webber for work on the house	14 48
Artemas Woods for post and rails	13 88
Calvin Blood for ox work	8 00
Thomas Richardson for grain and sawing	40 33
Mr Daking for one pump	15 00
Michael Manly for work	27 00
Michael Murphy "	15 00
Porter Duper "	1 50
John Daley "	12 00
Samuel Buzzel " haying	29 37
J. N. Smith for meal	8 16
" goods	2 75
Paid for corn at Boston	17 35
" Boards	4 00
" Scythes and rakes	3 19
" Bush Scythes and Snathes	2 57
George Brigham for mending harness	1 95
For Shoes, Yarn and Bread	6 32
Paid for Fish and one Spade	4 93
Jonathan S. Nutting for ox work	1 14
David Read for work	1 25
For Bags, Augers, Chease, use of Waggon	6 61
J. N. Smith for salt	2 62
Paid the city of Lowell for the support of Lucy Lane and her two children	51 00
Isaac Day for digging five graves	6 25
Levi Snow " two "	3 00
Ephraim Wright for two coffins	5 00
Oliver Woodward for a lot of bedding that was carried to the Poor House in the year 1836 with Betsey Wright	15 00
S. & S. D. Fletcher for goods	94 07
Sidney Drinkwater for medical attendance at the Poor House	18 00
E. A. Harwood for one coffin, to the use of Horse and Waggon	3 33
Abel Rugg for work on copper pump and mending tin ware	2 02
Phinehas Chamberlin for supplies furnished J.H. Kemp yr. 1847	2 00
" going to Lowell three times to see about the claim of Mrs Winn vs. Town	3 00
" for services as Overseer of the Poor 1847	5 00
" going to Acton to see about Levi Read	1 00
" cash paid Mrs Wendall for Patty Dutton	55
William Adams for necessaries furnished Mr Buzell	3 00
Lydia Wendell for boarding Patty Dutton 54 weeks	54 00
J. B. Read for work trimming trees on the Poor Farm	3 50
The City of Boston for Eliza Kemp and Betsey Kemp	14 00
Master of the House of Correction for the County of Middlesex for G. W. Spaulding and Calvin Cummings	16 19
S. Greenleaf for advice respecting the settlement of Abigal Farr	5 00
Dean & Dinsmore for services in suit of Mrs Winn vs. the Town	20 00
Orin Reed as witness in the above suit	1 00
Amount carried forward	$1012,88

Amount brought forward		$1012,88
N. S. Hamblin for attending court in the said suit for 5 days		7 00
" going to Pepperell after A. Leighton as a witness		2 17
" going to Lowell to see about the claim of Mrs Winn vs. the Town		1 50
" going to Boston to see Simon Greenleaf respecting the settlement of Abigal Farr		2 00
" going to Boston to settle with the city of Boston for Betsy and Eliza Kemp		2 50
" going to Boston to settle the claim of Westford vs. Boston for L. B. Proctor and to see about James Kemp's family		2 50
" going to Lowell after Antanett B. Sawtell and carrying her to the Poor House		2 50
" for a Trunk for the Overseers, and Oil Cloth		2 62
Nathan S. Hamblin's services as Overseer		5 00
Asid Nutting for digging two graves		3 00
Paid Town of Townsend for Jonas Kemp		7 70
Phinehas Chamberlin going to Townsend to see about J. Kemp		2 50
" for services as Overseer of the Poor		5 00
" for attending court 5 days in the suit of Winn vs. Town		7 00
Robert B. Caverly, attorney for Abigal M. Winn		40 52
Benj. Osgood for medical attendance at the Poor House		8 18
C. S. Fletcher for services as Overseer of the Poor		5 00
Timothy Fletcher for grafting on the Town Farm 12 days		15 00
		$1134,57
Cash drawn from the Treasury		$606 40
Cash received from other sources		208 66
" for Produce sold off the Farm		490 11
		$1305,17
Paid out		1134 57
		170 60
Solomon Nutting's note in Treasury		121 47
Cash in Overseers hands		49 13
Due from the State	$150 00	
Solomon Nutting's note	121 47	
Cash in Overseers hands	49 13	
	$320,60	
Amount drawn from Treasury		$606 40
Deduct resources		320 60
		$275 80
Interest on Farm		300 00
Outstanding claims estimated at		25 00
		$600 80
Add loss on appraisal of personal property		9 75
Amounting, as the expense of the Poor, to		$610,55

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